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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary, DOL

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment Program

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On February 29, 2016, the Department of Labor (DOL) will submit the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) revision titled, “Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment Program,” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201509-1205-008 (this link will only become active on March 1, 2016) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210; or by email: DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

AUTHORITY: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks approval under the PRA for revisions to the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESA) Program information collection. Social Security Act section 303(a)(6) authorizes the DOL to prescribe standard definitions, methods and procedures, and reporting requirements for the collection of information on benefit payment accuracy and the reemployment of unemployment insurance benefit recipients to ensure the verification of these data. See 42 U.S.C. 503(a)(6). The DOL uses information collected on Forms ETA-9128, ETA-9128X, ETA-9129, and ETA 9129X to evaluate State performance in terms of service delivery and to report on the RESAs, including the number of scheduled in-person reemployment and eligibility assessments, the number of individuals who failed to appear

for scheduled assessments, actions taken as a result of individuals not appearing for an assessment (e.g., benefits termination), results of assessments (e.g., referral to reemployment services, found in compliance with program requirements), estimated savings resulting from cessation of benefits, and estimated savings as a result of accelerated reemployment. Information collected on Forms ETA-9128X and ETA-9129X is required by the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, Pub. L 112-96. This information collection has been classified as a revision, because of proposed changes that would have the population of claimants who are most likely to exhaust their benefits be reported on Forms ETA-9128 and ETA-9129 and that ex-servicemember claimants be reported on Forms ETA-9128X and ETA-9126X. In addition, the DOL proposes to eliminate comparison group information on Form-ETA 9129; only information about the individuals selected for treatment will be collected.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1205-0456. The current approval is scheduled to expire on February 29, 2016; however, the DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. New requirements would only take effect upon OMB approval. For

additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on July 7, 2015 (80 FR 38748).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1205-0456. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: DOL-ETA.

Title of Collection: Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment Program.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0456.

Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 48.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 768.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 384 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

Dated: February 24, 2016.

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